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AUGUST, 1949

DON CLARKE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

WILKES-BARRE-SCRANTON NINTH LADS RECEIVE CHARTER



Francis H. Wolman, 257 Green St., Edwarsville, Pa. (Kingston Postoffice), and secretary of the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association finally realized his dream of long ago and received the charter of his chapter. Wolman sent clippings from The Wilkes-Barre Evening News and even furnished the three-column cut the paper used. The printed matter appearing under the cut read as follows: Presentation of a charter to the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Chapter of Ninth Infantry Division took place

in the home of the American Legion Post 132, North River St.

The charter was presented to the local chapter president, Leo C. Blaum, by National Secretary Charles O. Tingley, who came here from Washington, D. C. Assisting in the ceremony were Councilman Frank Goeckel, acting for Mayor Luther M. Kniffen; Captain Edwin Foster of the organized Reserve Corps and the various commanders of the local veteran organizations.

Pictured from left to right are

Captain Foster, Councilman Goeckel, George W. Lacey, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; President Blaum, Secretary Tingley, Deno P. Pantelakoo, commander of Disabled American Veterans; Francis Wolman, local chapter secretary, and Arthur C. Kuchinskis, adjutant of DAV.

Others who took part were Reynold J. Kosek, commander of American Legion Post 132 and William Priestman, president of the Society of the 28th Division, Post 4.

REMAINING EXECUTIVE OFFICERS COMPOSED OF CLOUSER, WOLMAN, TURNER, TINGLEY AND GENTRY

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER DID A WONDERFUL JOB; IT'LL TAKE A LOT OF HARD WORK FOR CHICAGO TO TOP RECORD MADE AT 1949 CONVENTION.

For the benefit of those who were so unfortunate as to be unable to attend the Fourth Annual Convention, held in Pittsburgh, Pa., many of the highlights are being printed in this issue of The Octofoil. Typical Ninth Division teamwork was in evidence at each and every turn.

Starting at 12 noon on Thursday, June 30, Mike Puzak had charge of Parlors B, C, D, E, F and G, where the Command Posts were located. If a Command Post was run the way Mike run these there would be few battles won. But they would qualify for a medal of some kind for being able to drink more vino than any outfit in existence.

The parade, arranged by Alex Forrest was most impressive—the boys really turned out for it, even if a few of them did have splitting headaches.

The business meeting at 1 P. M. on Saturday, July 2, was conducted in a very businesslike manner. And the members acted like old troopers in the game of politics and parliamentary procedure. A breakdown of the proceedings of the business session is printed in this issue.

GEN. EDDY AT BANQUET

Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy was at his best when he appeared before the Association members, Auxiliary members and their guests at the banquet. Some of the experiences the general related that happened in various combat areas made "The Hawk's" narrative kinda tame at times.

CHANGE BULLETINS

Every two hours during the convention latest developments and minor changes in convention plans were posted on a bulletin board.

DIRECTORY

A directory of choice, nearby eating places were listed in a directory issued to all the visitors. Also included in the directory was listed interesting spots to visit if any time might become available.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Convention, meeting as a whole elected William Mauser, Cleveland; Harold Smith, Baltimore; Joe Casey, Detroit, and Henry Golabecki, Buffalo, as the new members on the Board of Governors.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The Board of Governors met shortly after the Convention as a whole had adjourned and re-elected President Donald M. Clarke for a second term; John Clouser, Illinois Chapter, was elected First Vice President; Francis Wolman, Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Chapter, was elected Second Vice President; Bob Turner, Los Angeles, Calif., was elected Third Vice President; Charles O. Tingley, Silver Springs, Md., was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer, and Thomas J. Gentry, Jr., Little Rock, Ark., was re-elected Judge Advocate.

GEN. EDDY CONGRATULATES

In a letter dated 7 July 1949, Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy addressed a letter to President Clarke which read as follows:

Dear Don:

Please accept these belated con-

gratulations on the wonderful job done by all concerned in planning and putting on the Ninth Infantry Division Association National Convention.

That the convention was a complete success is mute testimony to the amount of effort and attention to detail that went into the planning phase. Everything went off in a splendid manner.

Please convey my congratulations to all those who had a hand in this highly successful program.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

MANTON S. EDDY,
Lt. Gen., U. S. Army Commandant,
CHICAGO IN 1950

Tingley and His Pipe



The busiest man at the Pittsburgh Convention was Secretary Charles O. Tingley, pictured above puffing away on the trusty old pipe.

CHICAGO IN 1950

The Feud Is Over



After a few months' of friendly feuding and fighting, Ted "Shirts" Matusik, Chicago, and Mike Gatto, New York, buried the hatchet, smoked a puff on Tingley's Pipe of Peace, shook hands and vowed never again to engage in so senseless a thing as feuding.

CHICAGO IN 1950

CHAPTERS SHOULD LIST NEW OFFICERS

No doubt practically all of the Chapters have met since the Convention and elected new officers for the ensuing year. The Octofoil would appreciate having the names of the new officers for the Local Chapter Directory that is printed each month in the paper.

President Clarke Sends Timely Message to Association Members

A few short weeks ago the Ninth Infantry Division Association held its Fourth Annual Reunion at Pittsburgh. It is my earnest wish that everyone who was able to attend had a very enjoyable time.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Convention Committee under the able direction of Tom Gray for their fine performance in handling a multitude of problems. Our host at the Convention, Ray Pifer, President of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, deserves a vote of thanks for co-ordinating his Chapter's many activities. I would also like to thank Mrs. Arthur E. Schmidt for the splendid support of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

As it has always been in the past, the old give way to the new. The retiring officers and members of the Board of Governors deserve the sincere thanks of the Association for their work and efforts during the past year. We have accomplished a great deal toward strengthening the Ninth Division Association and I know the new Officers and Members of the Board of Governors will continue to build the Association into the finest organization of its kind.

Sincerely,
DONALD M. CLARKE, President.

What Happened to Stan Cohen?

The Octofoil columns were open until July 22 this issue, some seven days later than usual—but still no newsy notes from Stan Cohen from the Greater New York Chapter.

You can't do that, Stan. When you go on a vacation there definitely must be a substitute on your job. Remember to get the material in for the September issue by August 5, 1949.

CHICAGO IN 1950

60th Histories Can Still Be Purchased

Secretary Tingley advises The Octofoil for 25 cents he can still send out copies of the "60th History." This book is a mighty pretty little number and worthy of anyone's library.

It is still possible to obtain the windshield stickers, 3 for 25 cents by writing Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Secretary, 9th Inf. Div. Assn., P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Chapter Extends Its Sympathy

The Connecticut Chapter and all its members extends its deepest sympathy to Howard Reisfelder and his family on the recent death of his father. Buddy Reisfelder, former Q.M., is secretary of the Connecticut Chapter, Ninth Inf. Div. Assn.

John Coleman Finds A Place to Move In

John T. Coleman, a former 39th Infantry man, asks that his buddies be notified that his new address is John T. Coleman, Iona Lake, Franklinville, N. J.

Father Kines Has a New Address

The new address furnished The Octofoil for Father Kines is this: Father Louis B. Kines, S.J., St. Ignatius Church, 720 N. Calvert St., Baltimore 2, Maryland.

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Extract from the certificate of incorporation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the Ninth Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the Division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Division."

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Tom Gray Did a Swell Job

No member of the Association can visualize the multitude of details entailed in arranging for a Convention of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, except those who have worked on such committees. And from the law of averages if nothing else, some item that should have been attended to is overlooked until the Convention is over. It has always been the case and always will as long as the Ninth Infantry Division Association holds conventions and that will be as long as one former member of the Ninth survives—and as General Craig says, "Let the last man bury himself."

Noting Chairman Tom Gray's letter of thanks appearing in this issue of The Octofoil he says that there is one regret on his part and that is he unintentionally failed to have those Chapter members who worked so hard to make the Convention a success properly introduced to all those attending the banquet. Introducing those workers who deserve the praise is time consumed that well-pleased guests consider as well spent. During the excitement, rush and commotion Tom forgot this little detail. No harm has been done. His oversight has not detracted one iota from the fact that Pittsburgh put on the Greatest Convention that Association members have ever attended. And as a matter of fact, those attending know that no such show could have been put had not each and every member of the Pittsburgh Chapter pitched and in and worked in the old Ninth's traditional way, "One for all and all for one."

A few letters have come to The Octofoil commenting on Tom's oversight. But not one of those letters have been vicious or even critical, they merely suggested that it was an unintentional mistake that succeeding Convention cities could avoid, thereby keeping the hard workers from thinking their efforts had not been appreciated. One writer says that it was his impression that so much pressure was brought to bear on Tom to streamline the banquet because of the warm evening and a desire for more private and informal reunions that were being held in various rooms that he had no alternative other than to by-pass introductions of the hard-working Pittsburgh committeemen and a few probable dignitaries. Another writer, after praising Tom and the Pittsburgh Chapter as a whole for the outstanding Convention they put on, concludes with the thought that probably Tom considered some of those deserving to be introduced so well known that an introduction would appear rather ridiculous.

There has not been one Convention, New York, Columbus, Philadelphia, or Pittsburgh, but what the General Chairman could look back and see a few minor things that would have been done differently had his foresight have been as good as his hindsight. Tom Gray and his committeemen, both the boys and girls of Pittsburgh have good and sufficient reason to throw their chests out and look the whole cockeyed world in the eye and say "If Chicago does a better job in 1950 than Pittsburgh did in 1949, the Fifth Annual Convention will be something that's clear out of this world."

In all humility The Octofoil extends heartfelt congratulations to the chairmen of each and every committee and to each individual worker. And in extending those congratulations it is felt the sentiment of each and every member of the Association who attended the Convention is expressed.

AUGUST IN THE HISTORY OF THE NINTH DIVISION

(Compiled by Major General Donald A. Stroh)

- 1 (1940) Division is reactivated, Ft. Bragg; 93 men arrive from 2d Infantry Regiment as its first nucleus.
- 1 (1941) General Devers says goodbye to the division at its first anniversary review; a truckload of 15th Engineers are dumped in front of reviewing officer.
- 1 (1943) Convoy carrying bulk of Division is bombed for two hours while at anchor in Palermo Harbor, Sicily.
- 1 (1944) Division initiates its participation in the "rat race" by moving to the vicinity of Maupertius, preparatory to exploiting the VII Corps breakthrough.
- 1 (1945) General Patton reviews the Division on its fifth birthday.
- 4 (1941) General Patch relinquishes command of 47th Infantry upon his promotion to brigadier.
- 5 (1943) 60th Combat Team reinforced by 9th Recon Troop and elements 91st Recon Squadron starts on epic flanking movement through the mountains north of Troina, Sicily.
- 6 (1944) 39th Combat Team, executing a wide enveloping maneuver to relieve pressure on the main Division drive, reaches Cherence Le Roussel, preparatory to attacking to the northeast.
- 6-9 (1944) 1st Battalion 39th Infantry receives a Distinguished Unit Citation for its part in stopping the German counteroffensive from Mortain.
- 7 (1943) 47th Infantry initiates its offensive in Sicily with drive toward Cesaro. The 1st Battalion 60th Infantry runs into trouble near Monte Camolato.
- 7 (1944) The 47th and 60th Infantry, advancing abreast, end a difficult and costly week's thrust through the St. Sever Forest, Normandy. The 39th Combat Team is strongly counterattacked by armor.
- 8 (1943) Following up the retreating Germans the 47th Infantry passes through Cesaro, and occupies the ridge to the east, thus breaking another enemy defensive line in Sicily.
- 8 (1944) Attached for one day to the 4th Division, the 39th Combat Team stops the German threat in its sector and resumes the offensive. Remainder of Division continues a slow advance to the southeast to relieve pressure on the 39th.
- 9 (1942) General Eddy receives his second star.
- 11 (1944) The 47th Infantry, attacking south, captures Perriers en Beufice, while the 39th Combat Team, pushing north, reaches the ridge less than 2 miles away. The 60th Infantry is pinched out by the 28th Division, ending the abortive German counteroffensive toward Avaranches.
- 13 (1943) 1st Battalion 39th Infantry is first into captured Randazzo; the 60th Combat Team ends its "silent march" by occupying Floresta, ending the Sicilian Campaign.
- 14 (1944) Division moves to north through Couptrain toward the Falaise Gap.
- 16 (1945) Division observes a holiday in honor of V-J day.
- 17 (1944) Division advances into the Falaise Gap and contacts British near Briouze, ending this phase of the campaign.
- 19 (1944) General Eddy leaves to command XII Corps; General Craig replaces him as division commander.
- 26 (1943) Division completes movement into training bivouac areas near Cefalu, Sicily.
- 26 (1944) Division reaches the Seine southeast of Paris and prepares to cross.
- 28 (1944) Division crosses the Marne near Chateau Thierry.
- 31 (1944) Division crosses the Alsne and pushes on to Dizey-Le-Gros, completing an advance of 403 miles during the month.

Howard Getchell's Mother Asks For a Buddy to Write

Mrs. Fred Getchell, Rt. 1, Bangor, Maine, the Gold Star Mother of Howard Getchell, 39th Regt., sent in a contribution to the Memorial Fund, and in the same letter thanks the Association for her copy of "Eight Stars to Victory," and also extends her appreciation for The Octofoil having run Howard's picture in a recent issue.

WANTS INFORMATION

Mrs. Getchell feels sure that her son, Howard's, picture is on Page 187 of "8 Stars to Victory." Having shown the picture to many relatives and friends they all seem to think the lad at the extreme left is Howard. Mrs. Getchell would like for someone who knew Howard or some of the boys who are in the picture on Page 187 to tell her definitely if they are sure it is Howard in the picture.

Mrs. Getchell treasures "Eight Stars to Victory" now, but if she is assured that lad in the photograph is Howard Getchell, after her Bible, she will always hold next to her heart "8 Stars to Victory."

Anyone who can add this bit of happiness to Howard Getchell's mother should write at once.

CHICAGO IN 1950

John Trussa Meets Death In Accident



SGT. JOHN TRUSSA

Victor Butts, 931 N. Franklin St., Philadelphia, Pa., sends The Octofoil the sad news concerning John Trussa's death. John was a former 60th sergeant and numbered his friends both while in the service and in civilian life by the thousands.

John and his brother Andy left home for a fishing trip on June 10, 1949, at Kenora, Canada.

After a little playing around the camp they were visiting a canoe was obtained and the boys went for a canoe trip. No one knows the exact particulars. Evidently the canoe was upset. John's body was found the next day after the canoe being used was reported as missing.

On June 23rd Sgt. John Trussa was laid to rest with full military honors furnished by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Gordon Herwig Moves Way Out In Sheep Country

Gordon E. Herwig, T-Sgt. A Co., 1st Bn., 47th, has been living at 634 Berry St., Toledo 5, Ohio, but has recently moved to 808 S. Tenth St., Montana State College, Bozeman, Mont.

CHICAGO IN 1950

John Picciano and Wife Are Expecting

John Picciano has a new address. It is 159 W. Calthrop Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

John was up to his ears in paint and turpentine during the Convention, getting his new home all shined up and could not attend. Also it won't be long before Mrs. Picciano will present John with a "little bundle from heaven."

The Ninth Infantry Division Memorial Foundation

Established in Memory of Those Ninth Infantry Division Men who Sacrificed Their Lives in the Service of Their Country.

The purposes of the Ninth Infantry Division Memorial Foundation Are:

1. To establish scholarships for award to worthy candidates in under-graduate studies.
2. To provide grants for post-graduate studies in research and medicine.
3. To provide grants for purchase of essential and recreational equipment for use in Veterans' Hospitals.

All funds for the operation of the foundation are to be obtained by voluntary contributions from members, chapters, and private individuals.

Please send in your contribution now. Fill in the following form and mail it with your remittance.

"I desire to contribute to the Ninth Infantry Division Memorial Foundation. Please find enclosed the sum of \$....."

Name.....

Address.....

IMPORTANT . . . All contributions are tax deductible. You may deduct your contribution in preparing your income tax return.

W. E. Williams Has New Address

W. E. Williams' new address is 86-14 91st Ave., Woodhaven, N. Y. At the time Bill sent in his new address he was making big plans for painting the town red when he got to Pittsburgh.

CHANGE OF SCENE

Once upon a time there was an Army slogan: "If it moves, salute it. If it doesn't move, pick it up. If you can't pick it up, paint it."

After the war the slogan has changed to: "If it cries, change it. If it's on wheels, buy it. If it's hollow, rent it."—Exchange.

MEMBERSHIP!

2 Octofoils
2 Goldbricks
—
4 BUDDIES

Special Announcement Made Concerning Memorial Fund

As noted in the attached sheet, the memorial fund now shows a balance on hand of \$548.82.

Proceeds to date amount to \$1,532.35, less expenses of \$983.53.

A total of 4659 emblems were mailed out and there are still many of the members who have not contributed anything to the fund. It would be appreciated if all concerned would make a point of sending in their contributions as soon as possible.

EXPENSES:

Purchase of Emblems	\$ 819.44
Cost of printing envelopes and notices	117.50
Mailing charges on 4659 auto emblems	46.59
	\$ 983.53

INCOME:

Proceeds from Donations	\$1,532.35
Less:	
Expenses as above	983.53
Net proceeds to date	\$ 548.82

CONVENTION INCOME AND EXPENSES AS OF JULY 15, 1949

Proceeds from sales of tickets, registration fees \$2,856.64

Proceeds from raffle and smoker, Pittsburgh

Convention Committee	401.85
	\$3,258.49

EXPENSES:

Expense account advanced to THOMAS M. GRAY, Chairman of Convention Committee	\$ 100.00
Frank Gordon Printers:	
Printing Banquet tickets	10.75
Expenses of Secretary to Pittsburgh to meet with Convention Committee	50.00
Bunting Stamp Co., Convention Badges	252.01
Joseph Horne & Co., Cost of Women's Tea	104.00
Joey Sims. Cost of Dance Orchestra and Entertainment	400.00
Carl Huff. Public Address System	5.00
Wm. Penn Hotel. Cost of 500 Banquet Dinners (See Note)	2,200.00
Cost of Flowers	20.00
Wm. Penn Hotel. Room charges	35.00
Wm. Penn Hotel. Charge for 8 waiters, Friday night dance	40.00
Majestic Printing Co. Convention programs	94.28
Wohl's Liquor Store. Cost of 1½ cases of liquor for C. P. Rooms	56.25
Total Expenses—to date	\$3,367.29
Total Income	\$3,258.49
Deficit incurred	108.80

NOTE—Wm. Penn Hotel was guaranteed 500 banquet dinners at \$4.40 each, amounting to \$2,200.00. Actual number of tickets sold and collected at the banquet totaled only 418 at \$4.40, therefore a loss of \$360.00 was actually incurred on the banquet, whereas if the 500 guarantee had been met by sale of banquet tickets, an additional sum of \$410.00 would have been received, resulting in a profit of \$301.20 instead of a loss of \$108.80 as reported above.

Now Available

Official Ninth Infantry Division Association emblems

	Price
Gold Plated Lapel Brooch, with Safety Catch	\$1.20
Gold Plated Lapel Button—screwback type	1.20
Gold Plated Tie Clip	2.10
*Sterling Silver Ring with Gold Filled Emblem applied 5.40	
(*Be sure to give correct ring size when ordering the ring.)	
Sterling Silver Key Chain with Gold Filled Emblem attached	2.70
Lady's Sterling Silver Charm Bracelet with Gold Filled Emblem attached	3.00
Above prices include the 20 per cent Federal Tax as well as Postage cost.	

NATIONAL SECRETARY
POSTOFFICE BOX 1704
WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

Special Offering

A large map showing the routes taken by the Ninth Infantry Division in all of its campaigns, through Africa, Sicily, England, France, Belgium and Germany.

Size 18" by 22½", suitable for framing.

This map was on display at the Pittsburgh Convention and several members signified their desire to have a copy so arrangements were made to have it reproduced and it is now available. Everyone desiring to obtain a copy of this map, please write in to the National Secretary, Postoffice Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., enclosing only one dollar to cover costs and mailing charges. The map will be mailed in a "mailing tube" to prevent folding.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY.

MEMBERSHIP!

2 Octofoils
2 AWOL
4 BUDDIES

FOR BETTER BUSINESS

"Hello, is this the Better Business Bureau?"
"Yes, it is."
"Well, how'd you like to come down and make ours a little bit better?"

A Typical Unofficial Convention



Groups of buddies holding unofficial convention sessions were as thick around the William Penn Hotel as the hair on a guy's head (not Tingley's head). Pictured here, are left to right: Henry S. Rigby, Philadelphia, former Association president, and a former Co. B, 60th man; Abraham Feder, New York, former 84th FA man; Ernest Dovetot, Pittsburgh, also a former 84th man, and Chaplain Cecil Propst, former 60th chaplain, now stationed at Dayton, Ohio, still carrying on his good and noble work with G.I.s. The Chaplain seemed to be everywhere at the same time. He really enjoyed seeing "his boys" again.

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTER OFFICERS AND ADDRESSES

This Directory Will Be Run Each Issue for the Benefit of Inter-Communication Between Chapters — Address Changes Should Be Sent Secy. Tingley Immediately.

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Secretary-Treasurer:
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Kingston, Pa. Postoffice.

Tingley Blasts the Acts of Vandalism

Some of the members do not stop to think how Secretary Tingley and the Board has to pinch pennies to try and perpetuate the Association as long as possible. There is no maliciousness on the part of the boys when they take the standards and other properties home with them from conventions as souvenirs. After all, guys, this isn't G.I. property that's being taken, nor is it enemy property being "liberated." It is your own. Let's cut it out, and those who took the properties mentioned in the Secretary's letter should return them at once.

An expensively painted standard was confiscated after the Columbus Convention. Many hours was put in trying to locate it. The hotel porters were threatened with mob violence. Then at the Philadelphia Convention a lad came dragging the banner into the Ben Franklin Hotel. He'd taken good care of it all the year and brought it 900 miles to the Philadelphia Convention. But in the meantime, the Philadelphia Chapter had gone to the expense of having another one painted.

The letter from Secretary Tingley is self-explanatory and reads as follows:

It has happened again—for the second time—someone has taken the Association's banner, which was on display at the registration desk on the 17th floor of the William Penn Hotel.

Such acts deprive others of the enjoyment of seeing the Division Insignia displayed at future conventions. The Association can not afford to replace the banners each year and it would be appreciated if the banner would be returned. Just wrap it up and place it in the mail, addressed to Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

Someone also took off with the new "Tack-Master," which was used in posting the pictures on the display boards. This machine was purchased in Pittsburgh for \$7.50 and it was planned to use it at future conventions to prepare further picture displays. Listen, you funny guys, send this machine back to Secretary Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

Beautiful Thought From Paul Miles

One of the most beautiful thoughts conveyed to The Octofoil in many months was sent in by Paul Miles. It was a beautiful Father's Day Card, which read: You can bet your bottom dollar That these words of mine are true:

There has never been a father Half so fine or grand as YOU!

Paul explains he is sending this Father's Day card to the dads of former 9th men who are now resting the sleep of peace and cannot send their Dads cards.

Copy Must Be In Early Next Month

Any articles intended for the September issue of The Octofoil which is published in August will have to be received not a day later than August 5. That particular issue will have to be printed and in the mail before August 10, because the Octofoil editor as national Chief of Staff of the Military Order of the Cootie will also be chairman of the Resolutions Committee at the National Convention to be held in Miami, Fla., in August. (Helluva place to go in August, ain't it?)

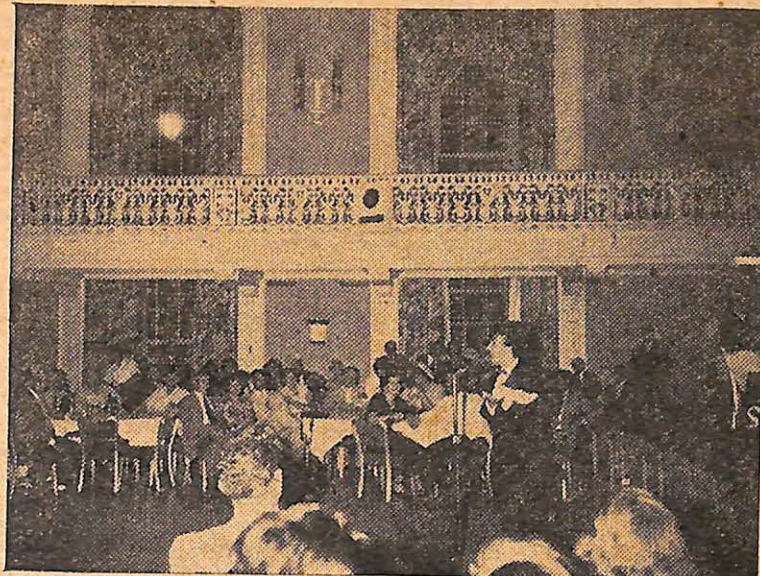
Appoint Heikkila to N.Y.N.G. Position

Col. Frank E. Heikkila, a former 9th Div. Signal Officer, has been appointed deputy commander of the 27th Inf. Div., New York National Guard, with headquarters in Albany.

Col. Heikkila, who has been chief of staff of the division and formerly served as executive officer of the 174th Infantry Regt. in Buffalo, succeeds Col. Charles E. Walsh, Jr., of Albany, who retired. The appointee is industrial manager for the Upper New York State region for Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

CHICAGO SET FOR BIG FALL BLOWOUT

"The Hawk" Tells of His Hardships



True to advance predictions, "The Hawk" stole the show. Former Staff Sgt. Al DiRisio (The Hawk) is shown delivering his oration, "Why Was I Ever Drafted?"

TOM GRAY EXTENDS THANKS TO PITTSBURGH WORKERS

By TOM GRAY,
Chairman of Convention Com.,
720 Ohio River Blvd.,
Avalon, Pa.

We of the Pittsburgh Chapter want to express to all our guests the hope that a good time was had by each one. It was a pleasure to assist the National Association in arrangements.

ONE REGRET

May I say personally that my one regret was that more members of the Chapter here were not introduced to the group. This was an unintentional oversight, and one that I regret very much. Both the men and women on all my committees did such a swell job with such a minimum of direction from me that I wish I could mention each one. However, that would mean calling the roll of all the active members of the group, and I would be sure to make one omission which I would regret.

I would like to mention, however, that seated at the speaker's table were several officers of the Chapter and the Auxiliary. In case the guests wondered who the charming and anonymous individuals were, I might mention, Raymond Pifer, president of the Pittsburgh Chapter, and his wife, Dorothy, who did such a good job

on registration organization and banquet ticket sales; and Margie Schmidt, President of the Auxiliary, and Art Schmidt, who was anywhere he was needed.

THANKS THE CHAIRMEN

Let me take this opportunity also to thank publicly all of my chairmen and committee members: John Kowalski, publicity; Walt Millstine, whose entertainment spoke for itself; Bert Murphy, who took charge of hotel and banquet arrangements; Alex Forrest, who arranged and conducted the beautiful ceremony and parade Saturday morning; Joe Wasnicki, printer of the program; Mike Puzak of the CP committee; Jackie Hilton and Frances Millstine for the splendid events planned for the ladies.

On the job every minute were so many others, and I hope omission of their names will not be taken as an indication of lack of appreciation on my part. I cannot close without adding the names of Bill Hilton and the Brogans, Bob and Ora, who gave generously of their time during the entire time preceding and during the convention.

To our guests—we are glad you were with us. On to Chicago! And to the Editor of The Octofoil and the National Officers—it was a pleasure to work with you.

DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE NAMED IN HONOR OF NINTH HERO

Philip C. Orlando, 104 East Front St., Plainfield, N. J., the sculptor who was pictured on the front page of a recent issue of The Octofoil sent a clipping from the June 22, 1949, issue of The Plainfield Courier-News. The clipping read as follows:

One of the Jersey Central new 2,000 horsepower Diesel locomotives will be christened here Sunday in honor of a Plainfield man who died in World War II.

It will be named after Pfc. Richard T. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of 1466 East Front St. He was killed in action in France Aug. 17, 1944. A member of Company A, 39th Infantry, he took part in the Normandy landings. At the time of his death he was 20 years old.

ST. MARY'S GRADUATE

Private Brown was born in Plainfield and was graduated from St. Mary's School and, in 1941, from Plainfield High School. He was employed in the Jersey Central auditor's office before entering the Army May 5, 1943. He went overseas in April, 1944.

For "heroic achievement against the enemy," he won the Bronze star. He also was awarded the Purple Heart.

Mrs. Brown will name the locomotive in ceremonies starting at 3 p. m. at the Plainfield freight station, North Ave. and Richmond

St. She will smash a bottle of champagne across the head end of the locomotive. Mr. Brown and other members of the family will attend.

ST. BERNARD'S PARISHIONER

Invocation will be offered by the Rev. Joseph Driscoll, pastor of St. Bernard's Church. Private Brown was a communicant of St. Bernard's Church and active in its CYO.

Speakers will include Mayor Carlyle W. Crane, Edwin L. Tomlinson, general passenger agent of the Jersey Central, and Dante A. Costa, president of the Communipaw Lodge, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Representatives of the Catholic War Veterans also will participate.

Following the ceremonies the locomotive will be open for public inspection.

A likeness of Dick was printed in the Plainfield paper, but The Courier was unable to get a cut made from the newsprint.

MEMBERSHIP!
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CHAPLAIN IRV TEPPER'S BODY BROUGHT HOME

The Chicago Sunday Times on June 15, 1949, printed the following article:

Services will be held Wednesday night at the Palmer-Lauer Mortuary, 4200 W. Roosevelt Rd., for Chaplain Irving Tepper, the first Orthodox Jewish rabbi to be killed in World War II. Chaplain Tepper, who served in the Rockford, Ill. Synagogue, was a member of the Ninth Infantry Div., and a veteran of the Sicily campaign when he was killed by enemy shell fire in Normandy in 1944. Military honors will be rendered by Tepper Post No. 417, Jewish War Veterans, which was named in his memory. The remains will be brought from the funeral parlor on Thursday to the Hebrew Theological College, 3448 Douglas Blvd., where he studied, before reburial in Jewish Waldheim Cemetery, Forest Park.

Ted Matusik sent the above article and advised he'd shown the Chaplain's sister a recent issue of The Octofoil in which Chaplain Tepper's bravery in battle was outlined by Morry Olender, a former assistant of Chaplain Tepper. Miss Doris Tepper, 161 N. Austin Blvd., Chicago 44, Ill., the sister, has written for a back issue of The Octofoil which carried the biography. She was very complimentary about Morry both to Matusik and in the letter to The Octofoil.

CHICAGO IN 1950

"SHIRTS" MATUSIK GETS A BAD BREAK

Ted "Shirts" Matusik, Chicago, feels mighty bad so there's no use for anyone to rub it in. The Octofoil only prints about "Shirts" misfortune so that many of his buddies who were expecting pictures from him after the Pittsburgh convention will not be too badly disappointed.

Out of 72 pictures "Shirts" made at Pittsburgh only 17 were good enough for printing and less than half of those acceptable for cuts. Inspection of his camera disclosed the fact the lenses had slipped loose in its focusing mount, causing most pictures to be out of focus.

Quoting "Shirts" letter: I am miserable in that I will have to disappoint a lot of swell folks in that I can't deliver the prints to them as I promised. I hope my color shots will recompense for the failure of the black and white.

CHICAGO IN 1950

OCTOFOIL STAFF ARTIST LEAVES THE U. S. A.

Charles M. Plunkett, a student at Columbus (O.) Art School, a former G.I., who draws the cartoons used in The Octofoil took advantage of the fact his "old man" was attending the Fourth Annual Reunion in Pittsburgh, Pa., and sneaked off, leaving a note he was going to Mexico City while the school was closed for summer vacations and would be back the last of August.

That is the reason this issue had to go to press without the usual cartoon. The issue printed in September will carry a cartoon.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Greetings From Capt. C. M. Gatto

The Octofoil received a card from Capt. C. M. Gatto, in Summer Camp at Fort Monmouth, N. J., sending his regards to all the fellows.

However, Mike got away from camp long enough to attend the Convention in Pittsburgh and had an understanding with Matusik. The two shook hands and the "feuding" and "fighting" is over.

CHICAGO IN 1950

It seems that the woman with the least principal gets the most interest.

CHAPTERS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY ASKED TO ATTEND THIS BIG-TIME AFFAIR.

SHERMAN HOTEL WILL BE SCENE OF THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITY—PRICES ARE REASONABLE AND FACILITIES CAN NOT BE MATCHED ANYWHERE.

Frank Ozart and Herb Waples, Illinois Chapter co-chairmen of the Third Annual Midwest Reunion, recently announced that this popular Mid-West event will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, 1949, at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago.

FORMER 60TH MAN HEADS LEGION POST

Good old Bob Woodside, 207 S. Doxtater Ave., Rome, N. Y., former Co. B., 60th man, writes to explain how sorry he was that he could not attend the Pittsburgh Reunion. Bob explains the company he works for refused to give employees optional vacation dates this year, arbitrarily setting the dates and his did not coincide with convention dates. Bob wanted his kindest regards extended to all his old buddies and especially Henry Rigby and Mrs. Rigby.

In another part of Bob's interesting letter he mentions having recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phillips, Gold Star parents of Cliff Phillips. The parents extend sincere thanks to The Octofoil for having printed the obituary notice about their son. Because of that notice many close buddies of Cliff have written the parents, and has made them quite happy. Keep up the good work fellows. To hear of the members out in the field who make the Association possible doing such noble deeds, it makes those in office who feel discouraged occasionally a bit ashamed of themselves.

A newspaper clipping enclosed in Bob's letter read thusly:

C. R. DE LUTIS NEW HEAD OF LEGION POST

Conse R. DeLutis, city editor of The Sentinel, is the new commander of Henry P. Smith Post 24, American Legion, Rome, N. Y.

Mr. DeLutis, the new commander, is a World War II veteran. A rifleman with the 60th Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, he participated in the Normandy and France campaign.

A long list of veteran organization connections Conse maintains are listed. One in particular is the fact he is on the executive committee and director of Rome Post 2246, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Capt. James Bledsoe Passed Away Recently

Word has just reached The Octofoil that Capt. James A. Bledsoe, former 9th Medics, has passed away.

His widow, Mrs. J. A. Bledsoe, lives at 704 E. Hargett St., Raleigh, N. C.

CHICAGO IN 1950

John Kirby Born In Little Sweden

John Charles Kirby was born on June 18, and weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce. The proud parents are Norma and Charles Kirby, 402 W. Nassau St., Saint Peter, Minn.

Charles Kirby is none other than the former Lt. Charles W. Kirby, 9th Medics.

CHICAGO IN 1950

PAGING CAPT. GARY, 60TH FA

Eli G. Walnaha, formerly with the 60th FA Bn., who now lives in Kirwin Heights, Bridgeville, Pa., is desirous of locating Captain Gary, Medical Officer with the 69th FA Bn.

Anyone who knows where Capt. Gary is should write to Eli and at the same time give his whereabouts to Secretary Tingley so he can invite the fellow to join up with the Association.

CHICAGO IN 1950

IN DOUBT

Ever since Percy received a pair of pink pajamas and a military brush for a present, he does not know whether to try to enroll in Agnes Scott, or go to West Point.

This get-together, proven so popular the past two years, has all the signs of being bigger and better this year. The committee reports that all arrangements have been made and that all they needed was the co-operation of all the former Ninth men in the Mid-West area to insure success. Tickets may be obtained by writing:

ILLINOIS CHAPTER,
9th Inf. Div. Assn.
P. O. Box 855,
Chicago 90, Ill.

Each person should enclose \$5 with their request for tickets. This covers registration, meetings, dinner and dance.

EVERYONE INVITED

Walter Mahon, president of the Illinois Chapter, extends to all other Chapters a cordial invitation to be their guest at this reunion. It is hoped that every chapter in the country will be represented.

AT SHERMAN HOTEL

The Sherman Hotel where this year's gathering will take place is reputed to be one of the country's leading convention hotels. Prices are reasonable and facilities unlimited. Complete air conditioning does much to increase the enjoyableness of a Chicago visit. A location right in the heart of the world's largest entertainment district is the final touch to the Sherman Hotel's conveniences. You can't go wrong by going to the '49 Mid-West Reunion.

COMMITTEEMEN

The hard-working committee that has assisted Frank Ozart and Herb Waples so ably is composed of:

Ted Matusik—Add Book Chairman.
Joe Laeie—Add Book Co-Chairman.
Alex Wilcopolski—Add Book Co-Chairman.
George Waite—Reservation and Registration.
Ed Machowski—Tickets.
Doc Kaminski—Memorial Services.

John Edwards—Treasurer.
John Thornton—Publicity.
Nate Gaynor—Publicity.

Two other hard workers not on the committee are Danny Ford and John Dawson.

No insisting is necessary to get those who attended the Mid-West Party in Chicago last year to return this year. That in itself should be inducement enough for those who were unable to attend last year to bend every effort to make the Illinois Mid-West met a must for this year.

The Illinois group is a live-wire outfit and they keep every member interested in the Association 365 days a year.

No where in the world can a guy get as much for five bucks as he does when he attends a Mid-West Convention of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

It won't be long before Detroit, Chicago, Columbus, Cleveland, etc., are going to start fighting as hard for the honor of playing host to this Mid-West Convention as they do now to get the National Convention.

In the next issue of The Octofoil there will be many more details given concerning the entertainment arrangements made by the hard-working committee.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Nearly 2,500,000 World War II veterans were in training under the G. I. Bill and Public Law 16 on Feb. 1, Veterans Administration said. Included were 1,721,934 in schools; 299,384 in institutional on-farm training establishments, and 454,772 in on-the-job training courses.

MINUTES OF 4TH CONVENTION

COMMITTEES MADE MOST INTELLIGENT APPROACH TO MANY VEXING PROBLEMS THAT WERE PRESENTED

WILLIAM MAUSER, CLEVELAND; HAROLD SMITH, BALTIMORE; JOE CASEY, DETROIT, AND HENRY GOLABECKI, BUFFALO, SELECTED NEW BOARD MEMBERS.

The following condensed resume of the proceedings taken from the transcription of the Pittsburgh Convention are self-explanatory and should be read by every member of the Association, both those who were unable to attend the Convention and those who were fortunate enough to attend.

Finance and Budget Committee— AL BRUCHAC, Chairman

1. Proposed that no action be taken on suggestion that number of editions of The Octofoil be reduced.

Mr. Becker, Chairman of the Newspaper Committee, suggested that all discussion on The Octofoil be held in abeyance until the report of the Newspaper Committee was presented.

Mr. Matusik of Chicago made Mr. Becker's remarks in the form of a motion, which was duly seconded and passed.

2. Proposed that the Board of Governors hold one meeting just prior to the National Convention and hold a second meeting immediately following the last business meeting of the National Convention and that no expenses for travel, etc., be allowed to the members of the Board of Governors for these two meetings. Further proposed that any other meetings, not to exceed two in number, can be called by the President upon prior approval of the majority of the Board of Governors, and travel expenses, etc., would be allowed for such meetings.

Mr. Harold Smith of Baltimore, made a motion to cover the above proposals which was seconded by Mr. Puzak of Pittsburgh and carried.

3. Proposed that change might be made in present policy of sending The Octofoil for months of January, February and March to unpaid members for current years. Elimination of such issues to those members not having dues paid by January of each year could result in a savings.

Mr. Puzak of Pittsburgh motioned that present system be retained, seconded by Mr. Moore of Columbus, and carried.

4. Proposed that a committee be appointed and empowered to make a study of the present audit system with a view towards reducing the expenses of the audit. Such a committee could either make the audit themselves, obtain a C.P.A. within the Association to make the audit, or obtain bids from various C.P.A. firms to perform the job, the main purpose being that future audits should cost less than in the past. Members for such a committee would be appointed from the membership residing in the Washington area.

Mr. Mahon put the above proposal in the form of a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Harold Smith, and after a brief discussion was duly carried.

5. Proposed that a new type of membership be created to be known as "Sustaining Membership."

Much discussion was held on the above proposal which finally evolved down to a motion made by Dr. Sternlicht of New York to the effect that "The Ninth Infantry Association create a sustaining membership, which will be granted to any member that contributes any sum over and above the regular membership fee."

The above motion was seconded by Mr. Paul Plunkett and duly carried.

6. Proposed that a new type of membership be created to be known as an "Associate Membership." Such membership would be open to any man who has ever served or is now serving in the Ninth Infantry Division. They would not be allowed any voting privileges for such members, dues would be the same—\$3.50; the chapters would still receive the

sum of \$1 for collection. The only privilege received by such members would be the receipt of The Octofoil and right to attend all social functions.

Mr. Moore put the above in the form of a motion which was seconded by Mr. Smith of Baltimore and duly carried.

7. Proposed budget for year 1949 as follows:

Salaries:	
Secretary-Treasurer	\$2,400.00
Expense Account	1,680.00
Office help	1,500.00
Total salaries and expense account	\$5,580.00
Publication of Octofoil	5,000.00
Postage	900.00
Board of Governors expense allowance	400.00
Audit Fees	350.00
Office Expense	900.00
Printing	1,000.00
Total	\$14,130.00

Mr. Bruchac brought out the fact that the above budget is some \$2,100 less than last year's budget and that the above figures are as low as could be made in order to operate for the current year.

Miscellaneous and Membership Committee—

MR. JOE CASEY, Chairman

1. Proposed that whenever a new group wishes to form a new Chapter, the Secretary prepare a list of both active and inactive, stressing the importance of paying annual dues, obtaining new members, etc.

4. Proposed that all chapters exchange with each other information with regards to social events, etc., in order that all chapters may benefit by what new ideas may be presented.

5. Proposed that the Board of Governors investigate the expenses involved in having the Postal Department cooperate with us in helping to locate "lost members," due to bad addresses.

Dr. Seslowe of New York motioned to accept the above proposals as stated, such motion being seconded and duly carried.

Newspaper Committee—

MR. LOUIS R. BECKER, Chmn.

1. Expressed thanks and appreciation to Mr. Paul Plunkett for his great efforts in publishing The Octofoil.

2. Proposed that a report be prepared by this committee, such report to be submitted to each individual member of committee for study and that the concurrence or dissent of each member be so noted and combined into a final report which will be turned over by the Chairman of this newspaper committee to the President, who then can make up the questions involved in the report with the Board of Governors. After the President and the Board of Governors have made a study of the report, any changes to be made in the policy of publishing The Octofoil will be the responsibility of the Board of Governors.

3. Expressed thanks and appreciation to Mr. Joe Mittelman for the splendid and excellent work done by him in writing "Eight Stars to Victory," a book that deserves a place on everybody's library shelf.

The above report was put into the form of a motion, seconded and duly carried.

Convention Committee—

MR. MIKE PUZAK, Chairman

1. Proposed that there be no

change in the present policy of selecting convention sites.

Motion made to the above effect, seconded and duly carried.

Nominating Committee— MR. WALTER J. MAHON, Chmn.

1. Mr. Mahon presented a very comprehensive report, representing considerable thought and work with regards to a proposal to amend the Association's Constitution in so far as it affected the election of members to the Board of Governors. It was proposed to reduce the number of Board members from 14 to 9 and the members would represent a definite geographical area.

After full explanation of the proposed new plan for electing members to the Board of Governors, the convention decided not to adopt such a plan, instead, to leave the present system in effect. Consequently, nominations for four new members to the Board of Governors for a three-year term were submitted, consisting of the following names:

William Mauser, Cleveland, O.
Harold Smith, Baltimore, Md.
Joe Casey, Detroit, Mich.
Henry Golabek, Buffalo, Mich.

There being no further nominations from the floor, the above names were elected by the secretary casting the unanimous vote of the body.

Policy and Chapter Committee— MR. HENRY S. RIGBY, Chmn.

1. Proposed that the Board of Governors consist of ten members, no more than one from each Chapter.

Above proposal was not acted upon as previous action had been taken in the Nominating Committee's proposals.

2. Proposed that all business to be brought up before the Board of Governors must be submitted to all Chapters 60 days before being decided upon, except that which is mandatory at the Convention.

The above proposal was put into a motion, seconded and carried.

3. Proposed that each Chapter prepare and send to the National Secretary a copy of the minutes of each Chapter meeting within seven days after such meetings, the substance of which will be published in The Octofoil.

The above proposal was put into motion, seconded and carried.

Memorial Committee— JOHN CLOUSER, Chairman

1. Proposed that the Ninth Infantry Division Association, in order to perpetuate the memory of those of our members who gave their lives in combat, hereby create the Ninth Infantry Division Association Memorial Foundation, to be set up with the following purposes:

1. To establish scholarships for award to worthy candidates in undergraduate studies.

2. To provide grants for post-graduate studies in research and medicine.

3. To provide grants for purchase of essential and recreational equipment for use in Veterans' hospitals.

Funds for the operation of the Foundation will be obtained by voluntary contributions from members, chapters, and private individuals.

Contributions in excess of \$500 for any given year must be placed in the Foundation's treasury for the purpose of investment—thus increasing the income for future allocations.

A sum not in excess of \$500.00 plus the income from the invested fund may be spent each year for carrying out the purposes of the Ninth Infantry Division Association Memorial Foundation. The Foundation Fund will be administered and allocated by the Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association under the advisement of a qualified group of trustees, which are to be selected by the Board of Governors.

CONFEDERATION OF COMBAT UNITS TO BE DISCUSSED THIS FALL

The final business to be brought

BILL BUEMI ASSIGNED AS CLEVELAND-AKRON SCRIBE

Bill Buemi, 11913 Cromwell Ave., Cleveland, O., has been appointed official correspondent for the Cleveland-Akron Chapter.

Bill wrote a kinda personal letter before he sent in the official news, portions of which are being quoted:

"My wife saved all the Fort Bragg Posts that I sent her. If The Octofoil ever cares to run a 'Fort Bragg Memory Edition,' let me know and I'll send them."

"I have various other 'souvenirs' taken from bulletin boards as well as photos from Bragg that would help in an edition to hark back memories of Chicken Rd."

OFFICIAL NEWS

There were close to 200 members, their families, wives and children and friends who attended the picnic.

First thing on the agenda was a practice baseball game. Just to get in shape for the big game later on. Those guys are really getting soft and fat in civilian life. Bill Mauser can even bend down to get a grass cutting line drive. Can any of the old gang just imagine that. Chaplain Doc Sating was unable to attend. He was busy punching T.S. slips.

The committee men played the members in the ball game and the members ran away with the game. The score was 85 to 2. Wotta game?

H-hour was at 6:00 P.M.—To

pull the winner of the television set. After shaking the box for a good half hour and a cute little girl pulled the stub and...

(Ed's Note: The heathen put in Paul Plunkett's name as the winner, causing excitement and heart attacks. Then a few paragraphs farther on, damn him, Bill Buemi, the unscrupulous correspondent continues.)

"The real winner was Ticket 2041, Ty Puthoff, 17838 Northwood Ave., Lakewood, O."

(Second Ed's Note: The Octofoil editor got even with Bill when it was learned Bill had \$8 worth of chances and didn't win.)

The Cleveland-Akron members want to thank everyone who helped put the raffle across. Special honors go to Mr. Carl O. Grizer, Akron, who obtained the set at a good discount.

Lazar Kay won top honors in the book selling field. He sold 54 books. Doc Sating and Buemi trailed with 40 books; Andy Sina with 36 books; Jerry Kurko with 26, Bob Lynch with 20—Frank Chatto's name got mixed into this tabulation of ticket vendors somehow in the shuffle, with no percentage given him.

Bob Lynch seems to be the only one who knows what the profits were.

Okay, guys, be present at the next meeting. Never a dull moment at these meetings.

GREATER DETROIT CHAPTER IS PLANNING FOR SUMMER PICNIC

By JOE T. CASEY,
Secy. Greater Detroit Chapter,
8621 Colfax,
Detroit 4, Mich.

The Greater Detroit Chapter plans to have another good excuse to have a pleasant Family Picnic this next month. The second Sunday of August, the 14th, is the Sunday on which all the members of our Chapter are to meet at the Lola Valley Park, in Northwest Detroit.

Bring your own wives and kiddies, and your own picnic lunches and refreshments, and your own sun tan lotions and cameras. Everybody loves a picnic! There will be tubs of ice to cool the baby's formula or grandpa's cider! There will be tables for two—two families, that is! We might even have a barrel of fun!

FUN FOR KIDDIES

The kiddies will also be expected to contribute to the festivities. Remember how the proud parents

before the convention was introduced by the Secretary, Mr. Charles O. Tingley:

Proposed that the Ninth Infantry Division Association, through its Board of Governors elect a representative to represent the Association at a Constitutional Convention to be held during the early part of October, 1949, in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of forming a confederation of Combat Veterans' Associations.

2. Proposed that the Ninth Infantry Division Association authorize the payment of a sum of \$100 to the Organizing Committee for the proposed confederation of Combat Veterans' Associations, in order that such committee would have a working fund to promote its plan. Such advances, it was explained, were being made by other Division Associations, and all advances so made would be taken into consideration when the final organization was set up in operating form.

3. Proposed that the Ninth Infantry Division Association, in order to express its appreciation to Major General Donald A. Stroh for his untiring efforts in helping to establish our Association, have prepared a scroll to be presented to General Stroh on behalf of the entire membership.

The above three proposals were put into motion, seconded and duly passed.

were teaching their little ones how to blow bubble gum last year? We are cooking up a few more excuses for a lot of fun this year, too. Our Social Committee has had quite a bit of experience and promises to do another grand job in making this picnic a success.

The Octofoil Insignia will be used on telephone poles to guide you to the picnic area in the park where the Family Picnic is held. You can't miss it! Any of you fellows in Toledo or any part of Northern Ohio are also welcome. Just drop the Chapter Secretary a post card and you will receive a map of Detroit with complete instructions as to how to find the Lola Valley Park, near Telegraph Rd. and McNichols Rd.

Any member in Detroit who is still waiting for a new Tucker car may drop a card to the secretary and find a neighbor who lives nearby who can provide a car and a round trip to the Family Picnic. Do not sit at home that Sunday just because you haven't a thing to wear. We will provide a G.I. overcoat, M1, or a mattress cover. Just the thing for the middle of August (even if the 14th day is not exactly the middle of a month).

BIG CONVENTION

The recent Convention was bigger and better than any of the other Conventions, as will be noted elsewhere in this issue. Our Detroit Chapter congratulates all those nice people of the Pittsburgh Chapter for their cordial welcome and their many thoughtful acts of hospitality toward all the members and their wives who attended.

We wish you Pittsburgh members could attend our picnic, but we hope to see many of you next year at Chicago. And any of you members of the Detroit Chapter who were not able to attend that convention in Pittsburgh—come to our Summer Picnic and have a lot of fun, and meet a lot of other members, too.

CHICAGO IN 1950

PAUL CLARK ASKS BUDDIES TO WRITE

Paul Clark, who was an old 9th man with five years' service, most of which was with Co. D, 60th, has moved to 6210 Normal Blvd., Chicago, Ill., and asks some of his old buddies to write at the address given above.

FINE SUPPORT FOR MEMORIAL

FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL ARE GRADUALLY MOUNTING INTO A SIZEABLE FUND

BOB HERZOG SAYS "THE IDEALS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE TIME AND EFFORT CONTRIBUTED BY ITS MEMBERS WORTHY OF DIVISION'S WAR RECORD."

Space precludes the possibility of printing in full all of the beautiful sentiments expressed by members and Association supporters in the letters sent in when contributions to the Memorial Fund are forwarded to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C. However, excerpts from some of the letters are reprinted below:

Former 60th Capt. Robert A. Herzog, 5572 N. E. Sandycress, Portland, Ore., writes:

Dear Tingley: Was beginning to despair of ever seeing the 9th Div. emblem of which I had read so much. We on the Pacific Coast feel isolated when it comes to the functions of the Association.

The ideals of the Association and the time and effort contributed by its members are worthy of the war-time record of the division. Please feel free to call upon me at any time for anything I can contribute to help the association. My best regards to the "old-timers" of the 60th Infantry.

Dominick Pieri, 276 Oak St., Passaic, N. J., formerly with 34th FA, had a funny incident to happen because of his 9th Div. emblem, according to Mrs. Pieri, they were riding along the highway and a car in the rear kept honking, then pulled up alongside and asked them to pull over. Nick thought he was running into trouble, but it just proved to be another former Ninth man who had spotted Nick's emblem and wanted to introduce himself. Mrs. Nick says it made old Nick pretty happy after it was all over.

Harry Pegg, Jr., 39 State St., Glassboro, N. J., was another who was stopped by a former Ninth man when he saw the emblem on Harry's car. The former 9th man who stopped Harry was Earl K. Morgan, 110 Fourth Ave., Pitman, N. J., a former Co. L, 47th Regt. man.

GETS MARRIED

Francis Brusic, former Top Kick with Co. D, 47th thinks the emblem is a neat job. When sending his contribution for the emblem the former sergeant gives a new address, 14 Tuttle St., Wallington, N. J. He changed his address on May 29 when he and Emily exchanged those vows for better or worse.

A BABY GIRL

William Tallbird, Jr., Box 480, Kingfisher, Okla. when sending in his contribution for the Memorial Fund also finds space to write about a baby girl who came to live with he and his wife just a few weeks back.

IN MEMORY OF SGT. LEVY

Mrs. Natalie Levy, 451 Kingston Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., when sending her contribution to the Memorial Fund writes:

"I am enclosing my check for your Memorial Fund in memory of my husband, Sgt. Joseph E. Levy, Co. G, 47th Inf.

"Sometime in September we are having the unveiling of his stone. I will notify you in case there are any of his buddies who will care to attend."

WHERE'S HIS BUDDIES?

Taking advantage of a letter enclosing his contribution, John E. Wolski, 226 Sherman St., Perth Amboy, N. J., says: "I wish I could hear from some of my old buddies from Co. C, 60th."

Martin Krasovetz, 3452 N. 23rd St., Philadelphia 40, Pa., formerly with Hqtrs. Co. 1st Bn., 39th, says when sending in his contribution to the Memorial Fund: "The Memorial Fund is a wonderful thing. I'm sure that all active as well as inactive members will go all out for this Memorial. It is a shame so many of the Old Ninth

have lost interest in the Association. After being through that terrible mess over there I don't understand their attitude at all. An organization such as ours should be the strongest of any."

James M. Bankston, 513 East 23rd St., Gulfport, Miss., says the Memorial Fund is a wonderful idea.

Daniel Worth writes from 33 Broadly's Rd., Iundalk 22, Md., thanking Secy. Tingley for his new membership card and asking for a copy of the 60th History.

Perry Burnett is a busy guy in the service of Uncle Sam's Railway Mail outfit, but not too busy to send in his contribution to the Memorial Fund and mention he has recently moved into his new home and the address is 6950 Cloverbrook Ave., Cincinnati 31, Ohio.

Richard Jacobs sent in his donation to the Memorial Fund and advises it is his opinion that the Memorial Fund idea is a wonderful and deserving objective.

The last time Dick wrote a letter to The Octofoil it was from 89-11 63rd Dr., Forest Hills, N. Y. But not any more, now it is Richard C. Jacobs, 3206 Raleigh St., Dallas, Tex.

A. Jack Wehrell, 38 E. Ridgewood Ave., Ridgewood, N. J., adds a bit of news in his letter containing his contribution to the Memorial Fund, which reads: "We had the 39th Inf. Regt. of our old division in our American Legion Memorial Day parade at Ridgewood, N. J., and those boys really looked sharp and were certainly a credit to the 'Old Fighting 9th.'"

"The commanding officer, Major Tice, had a brother who served with the division in combat."

Frank Ferrise, former 60th corporal, has a new address, it is 9443 Harper Ave., Detroit 13, Mich. He sent his Memorial Fund contribution in and adds: "Again the Division has put it over, first it was '8 Stars to Victory,' now it is an emblem for each member. How can anyone avoid or neglect to be a member of this fine organization?"

GEORGE KORTAS FINALLY GETS "HOOKED"

George Kortas, 2460 N. Linden Pl., Chicago 47, Ill., former Co. B, 60th man, sends in his contribution to the Memorial Fund and adds the secret information that on Sept. 23 he will get married. He sends his kindest regards to all the old gang from B and Hq. Co. 60th, and to Ernie Long and wife; Ernie is from the Medics.

George is a brave lad because if some of those lads who were in the olive grove near the big winery not far from Tlemcen were to open up and talk at the Convention next year the mint would have to work overtime coining money enough for the lad to pay alimony. However, Plunkett has contacted many of those who are in the know and they've promised to stay quiet.

A former 39th man, Warren G. Simpkins, 909 Sybil, Ann Arbor, Mich., writes: "I hope our whole outfit will get behind the Memorial Fund. I feel it is one of our most important duties."

Simpkins closes with a pat on the back for Secretary Tingley.

DR. OSCAR PLOTKIN DIED ON MAY 9th

Dr. Oscar M. Plotkin, formerly Captain Plotkin, Medical Corps, 47th, passed away May 9, 1949.

The widow, Mrs. Evelyn H. Plotkin, 101 Pamellia, Bellaire, Texas, sent in the sad news.

In behalf of Capt. Plotkin's many buddies The Octofoil extends sympathy to Mrs. Plotkin.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Octofoil Editor Given Organized Labor Spot

Paul S. Plunkett, member of the Columbus, O. Chapter and editor of The Octofoil has been selected as the Editor and Publisher of The Columbus (O.) Labor Tribune. The Tribune is one of the most highly respected labor papers in the country. It is officially endorsed by the Columbus Federation of Labor and all of its affiliates.

A staff of five advertising solicitors are regularly employed on The Tribune.

The political and economic prestige of The Tribune is unsurpassed by few other organized labor official newspapers.

Very few if any, labor newspapers enjoy the distinction The Columbus Labor Tribune does and that is to have the blessing of both the Better Business Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce.

COOTIE COURIER



PAUL S. PLUNKETT, On Labor Newspaper Staff

Aside from editing the Ohio labor paper the Octofoil editor also edits a national magazine for the Military Order of the Cootie, an advanced degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Cooties are very formal and demand a uniform for their editors. Pictured above is The Octofoil's editor in regulation Cootie regalia—just in case some of the members might be curious as to what the Cooties wear on special occasions.

Quoting the lad, he says: "Tingley, you are doing a fine job and we all are proud of your good work."

LIKES OCTOFOIL

Arthur H. Kahn, formerly a Sergeant 1st Bn. Hqtr. Co. 39th, sends his contribution to the Memorial Fund and adds "It goes without saying that I take much interest in the doings of the Association. The Octofoil is one of my most important sources of literary enjoyment."

MASON IN HOSPITAL

Robert J. Mason, Jr., a former 26th FA T-5 man, who now lives at 814 Arlington Ave., McKeesport, Pa., is confined to a hospital. His fine wife sends in his contribution to the Memorial Fund and writes: "My husband is still in the hospital. I am sending this for him, because I know he would want to contribute."

Morris E. Reich, 91 Bucket Lane, Levittown, L. I., a former Staff Sergeant with G Co., 60th, made a contribution to the Memorial Fund, and says he thinks it an excellent idea.

HERE'S HOPING THIS ISSUE REACHES CONNECTICUT BEFORE PICNIC DATE

By AARON ALPERT

The Connecticut Chapter held its pre-convention meeting June 23 at the Hartford Armory. It was a hot, sultry evening, but even so, many men attended. Most of the conversation was of the coming convention, and those lucky ones who planned to attend were in high spirits.

The old business taken up concerned the forthcoming annual picnic to be held at Adam Mugnis' 7 1/2 acres in Bethany, Conn., Sunday, July 31. Please bring your friend and his family to help make the picnic a success. As planned, each family will bring their own lunch and the Connecticut Chapter will furnish the beverages, mainly soda and beer—but for those who want it, water. A nominal charge of \$1 per family will be assessed and that includes all the children of each family. Prizes for various contests will be given.

Just follow the sign of the Octofoil Sunday, July 31. Picnic time is from 1 P. M. to 7 P. M.

SHOW FILMS

Gen. Hoyle had arranged for this meeting several combat films.

The films were most interesting since they dealt with many exploits in which the Ninth Division took part. After the films were shown President Lockwood, who was an aide to the 9th's CG, corrected some of the films' inaccuracies and gave more credit to the 9th than the documentary was won't to do.

SEND FLOWERS

At the beginning of the meeting, President Lockwood reported the serious illness of the wife of Past President Sidney Heiberger. Arrangements were made to send a bouquet of flowers. The flowers were very beautiful.

THUMB NAIL SKETCHES

The following is a thumbnail sketch of three members of the Connecticut Chapter who were at the meeting:

Julie Iannotti, Div. Arty., who now has his own tonsorial salon (barber shop to youse guys).

Sam Odess, 39th Inf., now connected with Pratt & Whitney, famous for their aircraft motors.

Austin Briggs, 60th FA, is associated with the Royal Typewriter Co. in Hartford, Conn.

BUFFALO CHAPTER PLAN FOR ALL-OUT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

By GEORGE A. SIMON,

Acting Secy., Buffalo Chapter.

Due partly to preparations for the Pittsburgh Convention, the following is a late resume of the Greater Buffalo Chapter for 20 June 1949 meeting:

The last meeting for the fiscal year was held at John Maxwell Post VFW. A fair turnout was treated to a short business meeting as the main discussion was the Convention in Pittsburgh. A good number of Buffaloes planned to be there. The Convention itself proved to have about 15 from Buffalo there, and they all had a wonderful time—the ladies included. The Pittsburgh Chapter

rates a vote of thanks from everyone for a good job well done.

The next big event for Greater Buffalo Chapter will be the second annual stag to be held at the Hitching Post, South Park and Big Tree Roads, 23rd July, from noon until 7. The cost will be \$3.75 per person; this will be held rain or shine. Transportation will be available for those in need of same.

(Editor's Note: Too bad this issue of The Octofoil couldn't get on the press until July 22—too late to do the Buffalo lads any good.)

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Greater Buffalo Chapter is making plans for a membership drive that it is hoped will at least double the present membership.

LT. JOHN KEYSER'S MOTHER IS ANXIOUS TO LEARN ABOUT FIELD

Lt. John Keyser, Co. I, 60th Regt., was killed at St. Katharinen on 13 March 1945. In October of that year an athletic field was dedicated in his name at Ingolstadt.

Through some mishap newspapers in Bellaire, O., were notified of the dedication and never notified John's mother. Reading the story in the paper was quite a surprise to her.

Mrs. Keyser's address, now is Mrs. Sari Groves Keyser, 105 Salem Ave., Dayton, O. She wants some of the boys who know any of the details concerning the dedication services to write her a few lines at the address given.

The article appearing in Ohio papers back in 1945 read as follows:

KEYSER FIELD, GERMANY, IS NAMED FOR BELLAIRE YOUTH

In honor of 2nd Lt. John G. Keyser, formerly of I Co. 60th Inf. Regt., of 4301 Guernsey St., Bellaire, who was killed in action on March 13, 1945, in the vicinity of St. Katharinen, Germany, the regimental baseball field at Fort Jones, Ingolstadt, Germany, has been dedicated as Keyser Field.

During the fight for the Remagen bridgehead Lt. Keyser, with his platoon, attacked and captured vital high ground in the vicinity of St. Katharinen. Receiving a strong enemy counter attack consisting of tanks and infantry, Lt. Keyser encouraged his men to hold their ground and finally, as a last resort, called for mortar and artillery fire on his own position to repulse the enemy. For his gallant actions, which cost him his life, Lt. Keyser was posthumously awarded the Silver Star.

Lt. Keyser joined the 60th Inf.

Regt. in September, 1944, shortly before the attack on the Siegfried Line. After being wounded in the Hurtgen Forest he returned to duty.

Keyser Field is located near the famed Danube River. It serves as the home of the regimental baseball team, the "Go-Devils."

Lt. Keyser was the son of Clarence and Mrs. Sari Groves Keyser, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Keyser.

Lt. Keyser's mother located Sgt. Dorsey Tarrant, who served in Co. I, 60th with her son. He is now with Co. A, 31st Inf., Unit 3, care Postmaster, APO 7, San Francisco, Calif. Mrs. Keyser has paid for a copy of "8 Stars to Victory" and asked that it be sent to Sgt. Tarrant. Lt. John had written his mother how Sgt. Tarrant probably saved his life at one time while they were in combat. For that, Mrs. Keyser says she is eternally grateful.

WHERE'S "RAN"—"RAU"

Although Lt. Keyser has been dead since March 13, 1945, each Christmas he receives a Christmas card signed by Hubert "Rau" or "Ran." Often the postmark is Cleveland, once it was Detroit, but no return address. One card had this postscript, "Say, guy, you said you'd write."

Any former 9th man who might know who Hubert "Rau" or "Ran" might be, should contact Mrs. Sari Groves Keyser, 105 Salem Ave., Dayton, Ohio. She would be awfully grateful. Fellows, if there are any of you who can, please try and help Lt. John Keyser's of Co. I, 60th Regt. good mother.

CAPT. McNARY WRITES FROM HIS FAR-AWAY BIVOUAC AREA

Parts of a letter Secretary Tingley received from Capt. Quentin L. McNary, Hqtr. 2nd Brig., APO 201, Unit 2, Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., recently, read in part as follows:

Dear Charlie: Sorry I haven't written sooner but I now have a company in the 8th Cav. and I haven't had time to hardly turn around. We are spending the summer on the slopes of Mt. Fuji and so far it has been uncomfortable due to the weather. The family arrived in March and was a big help to my morale but they are in Tokyo and I'm 90 miles away. I think we have two children now, a boy 18 months, and a girl who will soon be 5 years old.

This letter is being written in a tent with a driving rain.

I have seen several from the 9th over here: Capt. Huggins, "E" Co., 60th, who is presently aide to Gen. Walker, 8th Army CO; Lt. West, who is MPing in the 720th

MPs of GHQ. Seen West several times and we had planned a Division reunion over here but I had to come to Fuji so we postponed it until fall. Another officer over here who was with the 9th is Lt. Col. Dilly, presently G-3 of the 1st Cavalry. I think he was with the 39th in Africa. There are a lot of people over here from the 9th and we are going to have a reunion eventually.

What happened to Gen. Ladd? If you have his address I'd like to have it. Is Charlie Rousak, who was on Division Staff for a while, over here? Is Col. Feil still G-1 in the Pentagon? If you have his address I'd like to have it.

Tell any of the boys you see that remember me—hello.

Got my copy of the history and it is well done. Mittleman should be commended. Shows a lot of fine work.

MAC.

TOM VAN BOMEL IS STUDYING FOR GENERAL ACCOUNTING JOB

Victor Elia, former A.T. Co., 60th, writes The Octofoil a very heart breaking letter concerning the uphill fight of Thomas Van Bomel, 2266 Gleason Ave., Box 61, New York City.

Tom was terribly banged up in Sicily. He has never recovered—probably never will. He has been in and out of hospitals since the Sicilian campaign almost continuously.

Vic writes: I was his buddy before the war, during the war and since the war. His pride prevents him from confiding to even me the hardships his service connected infirmities cause on his family. Now he is taking up accounting and general typing, and God knows if there ever was a former Ninth man who deserves a break it is Tom Van Bomel. Vic is hoping and praying that this notice in The Octofoil will be a means of some-

one in Greater New York reading it and being able to either provide Tom with a job or help him to locate one.

Former buddies of Tom's do not have to be told what a swell Joe he is. They all remember the fine voice he had when tunes were struck up to help build up morale when it was badly needed over there.

Enclosed in Vic's letter to The Octofoil was a picture of Tom Van Bomel before a hospital microphone, singing, trying to cheer up other patients, disregarding altogether his own ailments. Typical of Tom Van Bomel.

The Octofoil hopes, trusts and believes as soon as this issue of The Octofoil hits the sidewalks of New York some former Ninth man will make it a point to contact Tom Van Bomel at 2266 Gleason Ave., New York City.

PITTSBURGH BOYS AND GALS MOVING ON TO HEAD OF CLASS

The Fourth Big Annual Convention held at Pittsburgh is now history but Chapter Chatter and the Pittsburgh Chapter move ever onward. Edited by William J. Hilton, Recording Secretary, 57 Maplewood Ave., Pittsburgh 5, Pa., the July issue of Chapter Chatter is filled with outstanding news and future plans for the Pittsburgh Chapter.

On July 15 a meeting was held designed for final reports and disposition of any detail relative to the recent convention that should be attended to.

LADIES MEETING

Many of the ladies being on vacation it is planned not to hold any of their own individual meetings until September, but will meet jointly with the boys on the third Friday.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

One full page of the July issue is used for a lengthy poem which begins thusly: "Are you an active member, The kind that would be missed," and ends with this "Are you an ACTIVE MEMBER? Or—Do You Just Belong?"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July birthdays for members of the Chapter and the Auxiliary as listed in Chapter Chatter for the month of July are:

Mrs. Dorothy Brewer, William Berkman, Mrs. Katherine V. Ja-

noski, Master Raymond Pifer, Jr., Mrs. Eva C. Versetti, Mrs. Dorothy Pfischner, Raymond R. Stuck, Miss Jude Lynn Dennison, Miss Susan Funkhouser, Paul E. Mills, Master Howard J. Pifer, Miss Linda VanderBrook, Walter S. Bronski, William J. Huston, Charles R. Warner, Jr., William J. Thomas, Joseph J. Lijewski, Carlton R. Lohmeyer, Joseph A. Wilhelm, Miss Cynthia Lee Balin, Mrs. Jacqueline Hilton, Thomas M. Gray.

FOR SALE

Beautiful paperweights with the 9th insignia and other novelties such as 9th insignia ashtrays, etc., may be obtained by contacting the Greater Pittsburgh Recording Secretary at the address given above.

HENNEMUTH MOVES

In the June issue Chapter Chatter bemoans the fact "Bill" Hennemuth and "Peggy" had left Pittsburgh for Chicago. Well any way Pittsburgh's lost will be Chicago's gain, because "Bill" Hennemuth and "Peggy" will be in there pitching for the old Ninth regardless of where they live.

SUPPLEMENT

A supplement to the June Chapter Chatter appeals to former 9th men not to forget the ex-G.I.s who are still in VA hospitals, and go into the Wabash Bldg., on Liberty Ave., and donate a pint of blood.

WORLD WAR I BOOK FINISHED

A bulletin from the Dept. of the Army, Special Staff, Washington 25, D. C., advises the Army is releasing a 17-volume documentary history of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I. A limited number of copies of each volume in the series will be available for public sale. Write to the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. Volumes I and II will sell for \$3 and \$4 respectively. The prices of future volumes will be announced later.

DON FINNEGAN LIVES IN MAINE

Donald F. Finnegan would like to hear from some of his old buddies out of the 47th. Just write him in care Mrs. J. J. Pelletier, 11 Bridge St., Lewiston, Maine.

Don also enclosed in his letter a small prayer card he received from Father Stephen Kainz celebrating his 50th anniversary as a priest.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Luke's a great chemist. He invented a hair grower that enabled him to make hair brushes out of ping pong paddles.

"EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY..."



Ted Matusik wrote a note on the back of this picture, the only one showing the ex-G.I.s devouring the William Penn chow, which read, whatever that means: "Another ruined shot. Notice head in foreground sharply in focus, while Plunkett eight feet away out of focus." After all, Ted, it might not have been your lense out of focus, that "milk punch" Tom and Peggy Gray were mixing up around the William Penn in the afternoon had a lot of people weaving to and fro making it difficult to get a good shot.

LIMEY NEWSPAPERS GIVE HISTORY A BIG WRITE-UP

T-Sgt. Willis T. Carroll, 56th Medical Gp., Selfridge AFB, Mt. Clemens, Mich., forwarded to The Octofoil a lengthy news article, clipped from a Winchester (England) newspaper, composed of favorable comment on "Eight Stars to Victory." Sgt. Carroll was formerly with the 9th Q.M.

The article is in fine print and too lengthy to reproduce, but parts read as follows:

Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy has presented to the Winchester Public Library a copy of the Ninth U. S. Infantry Division's official record of the war, and it contains a delightful tribute to the hospitality of Winchester. It contains a very interesting appreciation of Barton Stacey and of Constable Lane. Quoting from the book, "8 Stars to Victory":

"Then there was Barton Stacey, home of the 39th... there was Barton Stacey and its beloved Constable Lane. He was a county policeman.

"To Constable Lane's precinct had come Paddy Flint and the 39th and the small community grew to over 4,000 inhabitants overnight.

"Out of their Nissen huts and brick houses Paddy's boys flocked at night. To Barton Stacey's Swan and Plow Inns came thirsty American throats. Happily surprised the constable saw crime go down rather than up, for the Falcons respected their first real home since Fort Bragg.

"The little village had captured the steady visitors, and as time passed the Constable became both father and father-confessor of the regular patrons of Barton Stacey's two pubs. Some G.I.s even visited his home—to exchange views by the warmth of an English front room fire.

"If any group of soldiers ever managed to be taken to heart by a local population these happy, care-free Yanks did the trick."

Chicago Boys Have An Ambitious Program Outlined For Members

By the time this item is read the Illinois Chapter will have completed its Second Annual Free Beer Party. One of the favorites of the year, this party consists of all the beer a person can drink and all the food one can eat.

The ladies join in this function and when they all get together a hilarious time follows.

Films of the 1949 convention, taken by Walter Mahon, as well as the Division combat films were shown. Credit for the fine evening should go to Walt Mahon and Frank Ozart, President and Vice President, who made all the arrangements.

BEACH PARTY

For the month of August a Beach Party has been arranged.

This event will take place on North Ave. Beach Saturday, Aug. 20. Frank Ozart has made the arrangement and assures everyone a good time with plenty of activity, including an outdoor wiener roast. Plenty of beer will be made available.

LT LOCKET TRANSFERRED

Lt. Col. Jim Lockett, of 39th, is being transferred from Fifth Army Hdq. to Knox College, where he will be PMSXT. Knox College is in Galesburg, Ill.

MID-WEST REUNION

Danny Ford, 60th, is leading in the promotion of the Mid-West Reunion. Danny owns a tavern and grocery store located at 1211 and 1221 S. First Ave., Maywood.

Joe McKenzie Is A Married Man

The following notice was recently received in The Octofoil office:

Mrs. Louis A. White requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter

ALICE JUSTINE

to MR. JOSEPH ALEXANDER MCKENZIE

on Saturday, the twenty-fifth of June nineteen hundred and forty-nine

at ten o'clock Chapel of Saint Charles' Church Waltham, Massachusetts

The above announcement naturally referred to no one else but our own Joe McKenzie, former Staff Sergeant, 26th FA Bn., who is in charge of Special Services for ex-service men in the city of Waltham, Mass.

CHICAGO IN 1950

The favorite Racing Forms for a lot of guys is a girl late for work.

IT'S A BOY AT THE LATHERS

James L. Lather, 1327 Wood St., Wilkesburg, Pa., a former T Sergeant with the 39th, announces he is the proud pappy of a husky son, named David William Lather. The youngster weighed 7 pounds and 2 oz. at time of his birth.

Jim has been a very sick boy, having spent three months in a hospital recuperating from an operation.

CHICAGO IN 1950

HAROLD RABER WRITES FROM PELICAN STATE

Harold C. Raber, former 47th Pfc., asks that his mail be sent in care of General Delivery, Port Allen, La.

Harold was unable to attend the convention, but he says the next best thing to attending was to read The Octofoil, and that he will read the issue after the Convention from cover to cover.

A Chicken Dinner For Columbus, O.

Friday, July 15, members of the Ohio Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association met and elected officers for the ensuing year.

SCHUMANN PRESIDENT

Richard Schumann was elected president; Richard Pestel, vice-president and Miles MacFarland, secretary-treasurer.

PICNIC IN THE RAIN

On Sunday, July 17, the Columbus lads staged a chicken dinner at Dick Pestel's mom's ranch, 1425 Dyer Rd., Grove City, O. Those boys devoured fried chicken in Methodist preacher style. All of them were running to Mom's kitchen getting handouts for two hours before the "meal" and while gouging themselves kept hollering "When we gonna eat?" It brought back chow line memories.

Plenty of beer was consumed. Paul Keller, retiring president, and Dick Pestel, were solely responsible for the arrangements.

COURT MARTIAL

Court martial proceedings were in the offing for Dave Boring, retiring secretary, and Don Jewell, vice-president. After getting Paul Plunkett, a member of the Ohio Chapter, out of bed at midnight to proof press print 220 letters to be mailed out, each of the hom-bres went on vacations, evidently thinking the other had mailed the letters. They were found by President Keller two days before the picnic. Naturally, only those who attended the meeting and a few others knew about the chicken dinner since the 220 letters were allowed to mildew. However, the day turned out rugged—rain fell in torrents and then dribble for awhile and more torrents. As it was there were enough out houses, benches, stools, barrels and chairs in them to accommodate the boys and gals who were not in Mom's dining room and kitchen. Everyone was contented and as happy as though it wasn't raining—who wouldn't be? With a bottle of beer in one hand and a great big "drum stick" in the other, nothing could have been finer—not even being in Carolina in the morning.

And regardless of the rain—at least two of the "guests" were still on Mom's premises at 9 P. M. and she had to get a broom and chase the chow hounds down the road.

JEANNE THERE

Petite Jeanne Cork, employe of a local bank and mascot for the Ohio group of the Ninth Infantry Division Association visited with "her" boys for a few minutes, even if she was suffering from a fractured ankle that necessitated a cast. Her infirmities did not prevent that gal with the light brown hair from getting her face just as greasy as those ex-G.I.s.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Casey Appeals In Most Unique Way

Scattered in various parts of this issue will be noted a series of boxes showing the alarming figures that indicate how many of those who joined the Association originally have allowed themselves to become "lost" since becoming civilians. It might be well for all the members to study these diagrams prepared by Joe Casey of the Greater Detroit Chapter, and then put forth a bit more effort to locate one or more of the "lost" buddies and get them returned to the fold.

Incidentally, there must be something to mental telepathy: Just as the printers began boxing Casey's diagrams a long distance call came through from "Little Joe," in Detroit, pleading that The Octofoil press be held up until Monday so a story from Greater Detroit could be published. As per usual, the Little Irishman won.

MEMBERSHIP!
U receive Octofoil
2 do not
4 MEMBERS only

BOB SULLIVAN PLANS FOR 60th MEETING SOON

Robert G. Sullivan, 93-05 123rd St., Richmond Hill, N. Y., writes that recently when he met Sam Rothman, 649 E. 14th St., New York City, a former Co. L, 60th man, they started a conversation about having a get-together of former 3rd Bn. 60th men, or anyone interested. Bob or Sam either would like to hear from anyone interested. They hope to have an inexpensive dinner in a New York restaurant in the fall.

Okay, you Joes in and around Greater New York, let one or the other of the boys named know if they can depend on you and you!

CHICAGO IN 1950

Information Sought By Pfc. Neymeyer's Relatives In Ohio

The following notice appeared recently in an issue of Foreign Service, official publication of the Veterans of Foreign Wars:

Co. I, 47th Inf.—Pfc. William C. Neymeyer, lost in France. Please send information to Mrs. Henry Jacobs, 247 Lear St., Columbus, Ohio.

The Octofoil hopes some reader will come to the aid of Mrs. Jacobs with information about Bill.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Trying to Locate Dudly and Burst

Paul J. Dworak, Schuyler, Nebr., is trying to locate a former Pfc. Dudley (correct spelling is not guaranteed). He was a company clerk for D Co., 47th.

Dworak also is asking for the address of a Cpl. Burst (this spelling isn't guaranteed either). The corporal worked for the personnel officer of the 47th during May, 1945, at Dachau, Germany.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these two boys should get in touch with Paul J. Dworak, Schuyler, Nebr., at once. Then notify Charles O. Tingley, Secy., Ninth Infantry Division Assn., Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

NEWS FROM INGOLSTADT

Harold Perry, 2453 22nd St., Wyandotte, Mich., explains that so many of the fellows from the Ninth are familiar with the Bavarian town of Ingolstadt, that he feels sure this little news item will prove interesting to them. It was printed recently in the Information Bulletin, official organ of the United States Military Government in Germany. The story had a picture of the Bishop of Eichstaett blessing the bridge, explanation of which follows:

"Four years after the Ingolstadt Danube Bridge was destroyed by SS troops, ceremonies marking its reopening for traffic took place. Taking prominent part in the ceremonies was Dr. Schroeffler, Bishop of Eichstaett. He gave a brief address, said dedicatory prayers and walked across the full length of the bridge, blessing it with holy water.

"Mr. Murray D. Van Wagoner, director, OMG Bavaria, also gave an address in which he congratulated his audience on the rapidity with which Bavaria was reconstructing its physical, moral and spiritual bridges. This bridge, which was destroyed in a few seconds, took four years to the month to rebuild, Director Van Wagoner said. Many of your ideals, undermined, and in many cases completely destroyed over a period of 13 years, are in proportion being rebuilt much more rapidly.

"The destroyed span of the bridge was approximately 360 feet in length and weighed over 1,000 tons. In its reconstruction 40 tons of steel and 215 tons of concrete were used. The work required more than 192,000 working hours."

CHICAGO IN 1950

Good Infantryman Is Being Ruined

The address now, if you please, is Sfc. William E. Timmons, Hq. Co., 76th Hvy. Tank Bn., Camp Campbell, Ky. The lad bemoans the fact that Uncle Sam is ruining a darn good infantryman by putting him in this Tank outfit.

Bob Jackson Glad More 376th Men Are Joining Assn.

Bob Jackson, Jr., former sergeant D Btry., 376th AAA, has moved to 104 Cherny St., West Orange, N. J. In his short letter Bob says "I am sure glad to see that some more former 376th AA men are joining the Association in recent months."

CHICAGO IN 1950

Charles Warencak Still In Hospital

Charles F. Warner, 535 E. 2nd St., Bound Brook, N. J., who was loved by everyone who knew him in the 39th Regt. as Cpl. Charles F. Warencak, has had quite a bit of tough luck. When he wrote on June 11 he had been in the hospital nine weeks. He had no hospitalization and the hospital bills have played heck with his pocketbook.

Chuck asked The Octofoil to say "hello" to his old buddies. He would appreciate hearing from any of them.

CHICAGO IN 1950

JACK DENNIS PASSED AWAY IN FALL OF '48

Jack Dennis, a former Division C.P. M.P. had a tragic misfortune on a public highway during the fall of 1948.

Jack numbered his buddies by the thousands in the Division and many have wondered and inquired about him in recent months. Recently one of Jack's former buddies from out in Lansing, Mich., contacted Jack's wife and learned the sad news of his untimely death. The news will be equally shocking to Jack's many thousands of other buddies who are in all parts of the United States.

Adolph J. Wadalavage, 28-19 38th Ave., Long Island City, New York, relayed the above news to The Octofoil and adds "By the way, Jack was a consistent, quiet and hard worker for the Association."

T.K.O.-Convention Vs. Honeymoon!

Bob DeSandy, one of the most active members of the Greater Detroit Chapter, and formerly of the 47th, is not quite sure how it happened, but those wedding invitations had already been sent out before it dawned on him that he could not attend the Convention this year and also attend a wedding, especially since he was to be the groom!

Bob and Florence have attended all the Chapter social affairs and have come early to help with the decorations and have helped on the Social Committee ever since the Greater Detroit Chapter was first formed. Bob and Florence will attend the next convention in Chicago, no doubt, since they will both be reading the same Octofoil together from now on.

The Octofoil and all Detroit Chapter members send heartiest congratulations and best wishes to you both...

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. DeSandy, 1685 Faircourt, Grosse Pointe Woods 30, Mich.

CHICAGO IN 1950

ED McNAMARA'S BABY 3 MOS. OLD

Eddie McNamara advises The Octofoil that his little daughter, Patricia Marie, is now 3 months old and has grown from 6 pounds to 10 pounds in her three months living with the McNamaras. Mc says she's gonna be a flirt, he believes, judging from the way she flirts with him.

Mc travels all over Central New York and he thinks some windshield stickers will catch the attention of some nonmembers and maybe he can sign them up.

TRYING TO LOCATE A COUPLE OF GUYS

Mac's address is Leonardsville, N. Y., and there are a couple of Joes he served in the Army with at Altus, Okla., and later in 2nd Plt., Co. F, 39th Regt., whose names he has forgotten—but one he thinks was Brown. If either of the Joes read this he wants to hear from them.

START SAVING NOW FOR TRIP TO WINDY CITY

Joe Casey, Detroit, calls to The Octofoil's attention how much it will cost for Association members on the Eastern Seaboard to make the trip to Chicago in 1950. Joe knows, along with 99 per cent of the other members, \$100 can not be saved in a month. He has an excellent idea about a Piggy Bank, with funds earmarked "Chicago." To start right now on the part of every member to saving those extra dimes, how rapidly the amount grows will be amazing.

Casey also drew a rough sketch of a Piggy Bank to be made into a cut and use in The Octofoil as a continuous reminder. Just as soon as The Octofoil's "staff artist" gets back from that hobo trip to Mexico a sketch will be drawn and reproduced into a cut. Approximate travel figures for members traveling 300 miles are submitted:

Plane: 1½ hours, \$16; Train: 6 hours, \$11; Bus: 10 hours, \$7, plus \$10 a day for room, board and soda.

New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey are about 900 miles from Chicago—an outlay of about \$60 for train fare alone; and an outlay of \$30 for room and board, and \$10 and up for incidentals, like those tap-room tape-worm cravings.

Start saving NOW for the Convention next year?

MEMBERSHIP!

Past—100 per cent
Present
Future ?? per cent

There's another Freedom Train—the one that runs from New York to Reno.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

He who loves and runs away May miss a shotgun wedding day.

CHICAGO IN 1950

You can't feather your nest by running around with chickens.

DIRECTORY OF FORMER NINTH DIVISION MEN

IF DIRECTORY IS PROPERLY USED MANY
NEW MEMBERS SHOULD BE SECURED
FOR THE ASSOCIATION

IF EVERY MEMBER WOULD WRITE JUST ONE LETTER TO
A FORMER BUDDY WHO IS A NON-MEMBER MANY
WORRIES OF ASSOCIATION MIGHT BE REMEDIED.

The Columbus (Ohio) Chapter members have agreed to send postal cards soliciting membership to the address of each former Ninth man printed in this directory. This is a very small gesture to help perpetuate the Association. Why can't each and every Chapter do likewise, or at least send letters to all former members within a radius of 100 miles of the Chapter. Secretary Tingley is head over heels in arrears with detailed duties now. Members living in communities know the towns near their own and do not have to study maps for hours, which is the case when Secretary Tingley zones notices that go out. Come on, former Ninth Men, help now or you'll be sorry later. The list as continued from last month is as follows:

IOWA

Capt. Jerry W. Smith, 5253 ASU, M 29 Warden Bldg., Fort Dodge, Ia.
Keith L. Gregory, 1203 Reed St., Grinnell, Ia.
Chris Hansen, Grundy Center, Ia.
Clarence E. Holman, 204 S. Argyle St., Hamburg, Ia.
Charles W. Kolb, Rt. 2, Harlan, Ia.
Geo. P. Recher, Harris, Ia.
Gerrit Huenink, Rt. 1, Hawarden, Ia.
Maj. John P. Christenson, 226 S. Johnson St., Iowa City, Ia.
Adrian C. Saxerud, Lake Mills, Iowa.
Harold D. Warner, Ledyard, Ia.
Carl M. Johnson, 309 N. 7th St., Marshalltown, Ia.
Albert T. Huebener, 609 N. Washington St., Mason City, Ia.
Ralph W. Walls, RFD 3, Mason City, Ia.
Spencer W. Norwood, Mt. Auburn, Ia.
Lawrence W. Flannery, 504 W. 4th St., Muscatine, Ia.
Don D. Van Woert, Newhall, Iowa.

Edmund M. Naber, Ocheyedan, Iowa.
Thomas J. Hoshall, Jr., c/o The Davison Chemical Corp., Perry, Iowa.
John E. Newhall, RFD 2, Radcliffe, Ia.
Warren H. Boles, 1525 W. 1st St., Sioux City, Ia.
Michael E. Griffin, Lee Block Apt. 251, Sioux City, Ia.
James Murtha, 314 14th St., Sioux City, Ia.
Merle M. Buck, State Center, Iowa.
Harold E. Hendricks, Box 433 Storm Lake, Ia.
Richard H. Dwinell, Rt. 2, Stuart, Ia.
Herbert E. Clark, 710 Hall St., Tama, Iowa.
Gerald D. Irelan, Route 1, Unionville, Ia.
Gerald D. Irelan, Rt. 1, Unionville, Ia.
Oliver W. Moore, 439 Denver St., Waterloo, Ia.
Jos. L. Schroeder, 230 Williston, Waterloo, Ia.
Henry A. Bierman, 96 - 4th Ave., N. W., Waverly, Ia.

KANSAS

Carl R. Ross, 526 E. 17th, Baxter Springs, Kans.
Paul L. Higginbottom, Blue Mound, Kan.
Jack F. Jewel, 420 E. Main, Cherryvale, Kan.
Edward A. Demel, RD 2, Claflin, Kan.
Raymond J. Liedtke, 121 West 7th, Concordia, Kan.
Harvey W. Beemer, 814 Peyton Ave., Emporia, Kan.
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Pfc. Ross M. Boyd, RA 42182429, 1 Guard Co., U.S.D.B., Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
Lt. Col. R. H. Bryant, 317 6 Pope, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
T/Sgt. Albert B. Lozano, c/o Gen. M. S. Eddy, 1 Scott Avenue, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
Major Dalton L. Nordyke, Military Review, C&GSC, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
Julien C. Rosson, 105 - Third St., Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
Maj. Wm. Rhett Taber, 306/4 Third St., Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
Capt. Loyd Tallent, Fort Riley, Kan.
Major William T. Terrell, HQ 10th Inf. Div. G 1 Sec., Ft. Riley, Kan.
Marvin E. Adams, Box 374, Goodland, Kan.
Claude E. Hendrickson, Rt. 1, Havana, Kan.
Donald R. Swaney, Havana, Kan.
Kenneth M. Rath, 921 Pecan St., Humboldt, Kan.
Harold B. Dickerson, 319 E. 12th St., Hutchinson, Kans.
Malvin G. Johnson, 211 W. 8th St., Hutchinson, Kan.
Wm. R. Calloway, 404 W. 17th St., Junction City, Kan.
George L. Rheims, 232 E. 13th St., Junction City, Kan.
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Raymond J. Brugger, 43 Campus Courts, Manhattan, Kan.
Harlan D. Ellis, 1123 Kearney, Manhattan, Kan.
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Mrs. Edith Olsen, McFarland, Kan.
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Paul E. Mai, Box 142, Plainville, Kan.
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Bernard A. Veltman, 704 W. Walnut, Salina, Kan.
Leroy C. Myers, RFD 1, Sedan, Kan.
Lee Grimwood, 214 Franklin Ave., Sedgwick, Kan.
Leo K. Casner, 307 Hancock St., Topeka, Kan.
S/Sgt. Kenneth Lorimer, 55th Strategic RCN, Wing Topeka Air Force Base, Topeka, Kan.
Joseph Montes, 129 Chandler St., Topeka, Kan.
Aubrey H. Moyer, RFD 1, Ulysses, Kan.
Dewey J. Hughes, Rt. 1, Wellington, Kan.
Wilbur E. Blue, 1654 North Grove, Wichita, Kan.
Glenn A. Shaw, Yates Center, Kan.

KENTUCKY

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Wallace Richardson, Fonthill, Ky.
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1st Lt. Lee Cooper, 2128 A. S. U. 2nd Army 0200864, Fort Knox, Ky.
Lt. Jesse L. Wheeler, Jr., Experimental Unit, Fort Knox, Ky.
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(More names will be published next month, and it is hoped at least space for one full page will be available.)